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Rules on freeing hostages okayed

by the Carter Administration after the hostages' seizure last Nov. 4, withdrawal of lawsuits against Iran and a U.S. pledge of non-interference in Iranian affairs.

No other details of the parliamentary decision were immediately known.

Earlier, the parliamentary committee chosen to propose terms for the Americans' release suggested that the full parliament accept the Khomeini guidelines. The committee said U.S. acceptance of the terms was not enough to win the hostages' release and proposed a phased release of the captives.

It suggested the hostages be released in separate groups as each of the four conditions was met by the United States. In its report to the parliament, the committee said Iran should choose the number and names of the hostages to be released as each condition was met.

The United States has indicated its general acceptance of Khomeini's terms, but has said legal considerations may make it difficult to locate and return funds deposited in the United States by the late Shah, and it can only try to persuade companies to drop their claims against Iran. In addition, a U.S. official said only last week that a phased release of the hostages "would give us a real problem."

The Iranian parliament acted after a tumultuous session in which reporters were expelled for half an hour. A correspondent for radio Denmark, reporting from the scene in Tehran, said that television lights were turned off and reporters were temporarily expelled from the parliament chamber after a loud exchange between revolutionary judge Sadeq Khalkhali and Majlis (parliament) chairman Ali Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Radio Denmark correspondent To Rehne said the row developed as Khashkhashi insisted that the 52 American hostages be freed in exchange for U.S. military hardware and spare parts for Iran's largely U.S.-supplied armaments.

Rafsanjani reportedly shouted to Khashkhashi that "there is no point in agitating about the conditions" for the hostages' release.

After what was described as a shouting match between the two, television lights were turned off in the Majlis chamber and reporters were ordered to wait outside while the assembly was returned to order. Rehne said,

Ali Rafsanjani

Text of release conditions

pany or the American government. In the case of any type of claim made against Iran or any Iranian citizen, in any court of the United States in connection with Islamic revolution of Iran and the seizure of the nest of spies (U.S. Embassy) and the arrest of U.S. citizens in Iran, the U.S. government should guarantee to answer and pay any consequent damage or expenses caused by the conviction of Iran or any Iranian citizen.

peace talks -- Sadat

friendship and the continuing bickering among Arab countries "the inevitable will happen."

He did not elaborate, but shortly before that he had asked, "what is the significance of the Soviet-Syrian treaty? What must we think of those Arabs who approved the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, and South Yemen?"

Libya is Egypt's western neighbor and South Yemen controls the southern entrance to the Red Sea through which much of the Arab oil-laden tankers pass on their way to

authority the 1.2 million Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza should enjoy under Israeli rule.

He said that despite his insistence on a summit conference with the president of the United States and Israeli prime minister, Egypt "remains ready to discuss any new ideas that may crop up to solve the disputes."

The summit is expected to be held in January, and U.S. officials have said it will be held even if U.S. President Jimmy Carter is not re-elected to the White House.

Sadat warned the Arabs that in the light of the new Egyptian treaty of friendship with the United States, "the time has come when the Arab states must make a decision on whether they want to continue to be part of the Arab League or not."

He said that he holds himself "personally responsible" until his dying day for the safety of the newly self-proclaimed Shah of Iran and will "counsel him as a father."

He added that Egypt would not recognize him as the leader of Iran "because our recognition of the Islamic Revolutionary government in Iran still stands."


He explained that Egypt would "honor and respect the will of the people of Iran and their choice of government until they make a different choice."

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N - power essential for Pakistan,

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Nov. 2 (AFP) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq has reiterated here that nuclear technology was essential for his country, saying: "Pakistan must acquire it at all costs."

Speaking at a municipal councillors convention Saturday, Zia said Pakistan had been gifted not only with mineral resources but also with talented scientists who had already made "major progress" in this direction.

He said nuclear technology was needed because by 1985 neither oil nor hydroelectric power would be able to meet the country's energy requirements.

While here Zia also addressed army personnel, urging them to become self-reliant and make the most of Pakistan's armory. By depending on their own resources, ill-equipped but well-motivated people could stand up against strong powers and success-



Gen. Zia ul-Haq

fully defend their freedom, he told them. Zia said he realized the importance of foreign weapons but they were not easy to acquire. He was therefore trying to reduce dependence on others to enable the country to produce its own defense material.

Pakistan women parley urges adherence to Islamic rules

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 2 (AFP) — About 300 women attending the first national congress of Muslim women here this week have called for a return "to the true principles of Islam."

"Pakistan women have suffered from traditions and customs born in a feudal society," one speaker told delegates, many dressed in traditional chadors.

"The rights of women have been ignored at times," Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq said in opening the 14-country convention. But women must work to improve their positions "without breaking away from the principles of Islam," Zia said.

The delegates also expressed wishes to distinguish themselves from Western women's liberation movements. Abortion, often a key feminist issue in the West, was cited as a result of Western morals.

The women showed opposition to the Western feminist call for complete sexual

Libyans seize their Cyprus embassy

NICOSIA, Nov. 2 (Agencies) — A group of Libyans Saturday took over their country's embassy in Nicosia and proclaimed that it was being transformed into a "people's bureau".

During a news conference, the group's leader, Professor Abdullah Zubeidi of the Libyan University of Al Fateh, said a new people's committee "will work to strengthen relations between Libya and Cyprus".

Libyan Charge d'Affaires Youssef Azzabi was asked to leave the island, a well-informed

source said, adding that the new committee would have five members.

The takeover was in line with Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi's call on his people to directly participate in running government affairs through popular committees. Several Libyan embassies in Europe and other places have been turned into people's offices.

Zubeidi said his bureau was not a diplomatic mission.

Meanwhile, an Islamic court rejected an attempt to prohibit women's cricket and field hockey matches.

The court noted that the government had ruled in March that such matches would not be open to the public and players must wear long clothes.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (AFP) — The joint Israeli-Egyptian military commission, which had been scheduled to meet Sunday, has decided to delay its session two weeks, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported Saturday. MENA gave no information on the reasons for the postponement. It said only that a commission that is charged with normalizing Egyptian-Israeli relations would meet Tuesday as scheduled.

LAHORE, (AFP) — Four persons were killed and 15 others injured here Saturday when a gas cylinder in an ironsmith's shop exploded, police sources said.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Israel's newspaper photographers said Saturday they would strike for two weeks after failing to agree with publishers on fees. All the photographers are

free-lancers and they complain they are being paid no more although the cost of materials had risen by more than 100 per cent since January.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Israel's opposition Labor Party leader Shimon Peres goes to Egypt on Thursday for talks with President Anwar Sadat, a Labor Party spokesman has said here.

CAIRO, (R) — Thirty people drowned and many were injured when a bus plunged into a canal Saturday after a collision with a truck, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — An earthquake rating five on the Richter scale will hit upper Galilee and the Jordan valley early next year, Israeli television has warned.

Turkey junta outlines steps for return to civilian rule

ANKARA, Nov. 2 (Agencies) — One of Turkey's top generals has promised that the country's voters would be allowed to approve their new constitution when it is drawn up, but he still refused to say when the document might be written and civilian rule restored.

Gen. Haydar Saltik, secretary general of Turkey's ruling military National Security Council, told a news conference Saturday the eventual return to civilian government would come in five steps.

First, he said, citizens would vote on a new constitution once it was drawn up by a still-to-be named constituent assembly. Second and third steps would consist of the assembly drafting new laws regarding political parties and elections. Fourth, a new parliament would be elected, and fifth, the NSC would be disbanded.

Saltik responded to questions submitted in advance and refused to entertain verbal questions Saturday morning. Therefore, it was impossible to ask him what might happen in Turkey if the voters rejected the constitution.

He said it was impossible to set a timetable for a return to civilian rule and once again reminded reporters it took seven months after the 1960 coup before the military even appointed a constituent assembly to begin drafting the new constitution. The current coup occurred nearly seven weeks ago.

Saltik said in the past that Turkey is in much worse shape now than it was in 1960, hinting that it might take even longer this time before a constituent assembly was named.

The NSC, headed by chief of Staff Gen. Kenan Evren, has ruled in Turkey since his military toppled the civilian government in a bloodless coup on Sept. 12.

Meanwhile, Turkish security forces arrested 618 people last week and seized a

large quantity of weapons in various parts of the country.

Two former parliamentarians, Hilmi Isguzar and Tuncay Mataram, were arrested Saturday in Ankara and held for questioning. No charges were cited by officials.

The Turkish press reported that military authorities had rejected the appeal against the jailing of Alpaslan Turkes, president of the rightwing Nationalist Action Party, and Necmettin Erbakan, head of the Islamic National Salvation Party. The two were arrested about two weeks ago.

Among the 618 people arrested were 210 "extremists" suspected of terrorism, an unspecified number of people implicated in political murders and 21 people charged with committing holdups for money for illegal movements, the ministry said.

Security forces seized 265 guns, eight bombs, and 79 sticks of dynamite, officials said.



Gen. Haydar Saltik

To be opened Wednesday

Austria hosts Palestine conference

Special to Arab News

VIENNA, Nov. 2 — The international conference on the legal aspects of the Palestine and Jerusalem question will be opened on Wednesday, Nov. 5 in the Hotel Hilton in Vienna, by a lecture of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria, Willibald the secretary of the Israel League for human rights and the mayor of East Jerusalem.

The conference will consist of four plenary sessions dealing with the following topics:

1. The Palestinian people and the right to self-determination (chairman: Prof. Norton Mezvinsky, Central Connecticut State College, USA).

2. The status of Jerusalem as a question of international law (chairman: Prof. W.T. Mallison, George Washington University).

3. Political and administrative measures of the Israeli authorities in the occupied territories seen from the viewpoint of humanitarian law (chairman: Prof. Konstantin Obradovic, Institute of International Politics, and Economics, Belgrade).

4. Israeli law in the light of general principles of human rights (chairman: Prof. Muemtar Soyual, University of Ankara).

Austrian Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, will give a reception for the participants of the conference.

Assad confers with Hawatmeh

DAMASCUS, Nov. 2 (Agencies) — Syrian President Hafez Assad Saturday met with Palestinian leader Nayef Hawatmeh and discussed damage to "the Arab cause and the struggle against imperialism and Zionism" resulting from the Iraqi-Iranian conflict, the Syrian News Agency SANA said.

SANA said that Assad and Hawatmeh, secretary general of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, also conferred on the Arab summit set for Nov. 25 and on results of a preparatory meeting for it last Tuesday and Wednesday in Amman. Another topic of discussion was the situation in Lebanon, SANA said.

It added that the two men discussed questions pertaining to the Steadfastness Front (which opposes the Camp David accords) and to the Syrian-Soviet treaty of friendship and cooperation.

Meanwhile, the Syrian government daily newspaper Tishrin accused the United States Saturday of using the Gulf war for its own military, economic and political ends and to weaken Arab opposition to Israel.

In a leading article the paper said that the Iraqi-Iranian war was "no less dangerous than the Camp David agreements." "The U.S. had been able to use it to 'plant the area with a chain of military bases and turn Arab waters into an American lake threatening the Arabs and the southern borders of the Soviet Union — the friend of the Arabs," Tishrin said.

The Gulf war had pushed the Arab-Zionist conflict to the background and "neutralized most of the Arabs in their battle against Israel..." the paper added.

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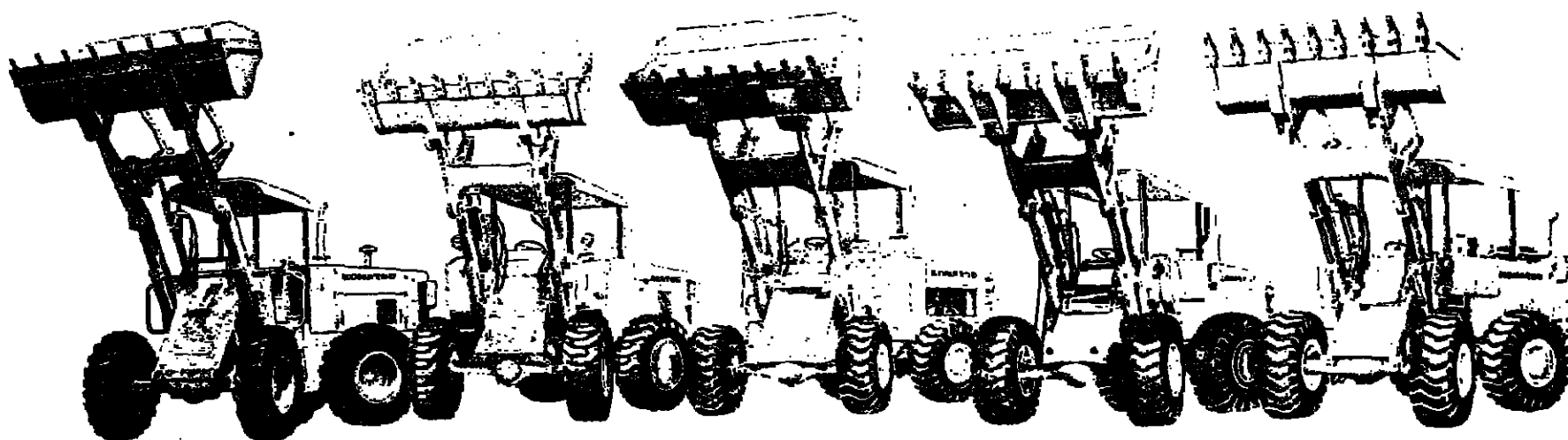
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Southampton downed 2-1

Odd call aids Forest

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AP) — The most bizarre penalty goal of the English soccer season helped Nottingham Forest to keep on the heels of the championship leaders with a 2-1 win over Southampton Saturday.

A linesman flagged for a foul. The referee disagreed and waved play on but Nick Holmes, the Southampton captain, thought a free-kick had been given and caught the ball in front of his goal.

The referee gave a penalty for hands and John Robertson slammed in the winning goal.

Aston Villa downed Leicester 2-0 and

lacked punch in the penalty area. (23,043.)

Manchester City 1 Norwich 0 (0-0). Manchester City climbed out of the bottom three places for the first time this season, thanks to a goal in the 61st minute by team captain Paul Power. Manchester wasted chances to add further goals. (33,056).

Aston Villa 2 Leicester 0 (0-0). Villa lost Eamonn Deacy with a dislocated left shoulder but scored two goals in four minutes to stay top of the standings. Gary Shaw fired home the first in the 65th minute after a fine move with Peter Withe, and then Gordon Cowans ran through on his own for the second. (29,953).

Arsenal 2 Brighton 0 (0-0). King Olaf of Norway watched Arsenal struggle to get through the Brighton defense without success for 73 minutes. Then Graham Rix ran past two opponents to score, and four minutes later 19-year-old Brian McDermott, in his first full appearance, took advantage of a defensive muddle to make it 2-0. (28,569).

Everton 2 Tottenham 2 (1-1). Peter Eastoe sent Everton into the lead in the 27th minute but Tottenham surged ahead with two goals by Scottish star Steve Archibald 35 and 55). Everton, who had a goal disallowed when a header by Mike Lyons appeared to cross the line, saved a point with fine left-foot drive by Steve McMahon (67). (26,174).

Crystal Palace 1 Manchester United (1-0). A cool goal by Peter Nicholas in the 27th minute sank Manchester. From 18 meters out he lobbed the ball over goalkeeper Gary Bailey's head. (31,181).

Middlesbrough 1 Birmingham 2 (1-0). Two fine goals by former England center-forward Frank Worthington destroyed Middlesbrough's unbeaten home record. Bosko Jackovic, Middlesbrough's Yugoslav star, scored just before half-time. Worthington equalized in the 63rd minute and scored the winner one minute from time. (14,061).

Wolverhampton 2 Sunderland 1 (2-1). Wolves had Geoff Palmer sent off, but won with two goals by teenager Wayne Clarke. The first came in the ninth minute. Sam Allardyce equalized (16) but Clarke scored again five minutes later. (18,816).

Coventry 2 Leeds 1 (2-0). Coventry swept to a 2-0 lead with goals by Steve Hunt in the eighth minute and Peter Bodak in the 24th minute. Terry Connor scored for Leeds (64) while Coventry stood still and appealed for offside. (13,970).

The defeat by Arsenal left Brighton firmly embedded at the bottom of the standings with eight points from 15 games. Leicester and Crystal Palace had nine points and Norwich and Manchester City Ten.

West Ham, English Cup winners last season, won 1-0 away against Bristol Rovers and kept up the challenge for promotion in the Second Division.

STANDINGS									
First Division									
	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS			
Aston Villa	11	2	2	29	13	24			
Ipswich	8	5	0	21	6	21			
Nottingham Forest	8	4	3	26	14	20			
Liverpool	6	7	1	31	13	19			
Arsenal	7	5	3	20	14	19			
West Bromwich	7	5	3	19	13	19			
Manchester United	5	8	2	21	11	18			
Everton	7	4	4	26	17	18			
Tottenham	5	5	4	22	22	15			
Sunderland	5	4	6	21	20	14			
Birmingham	4	6	4	19	18	14			
Coventry	6	2	7	19	25	14			
Sheff	4	6	5	18	25	14			
Southampton	3	4	8	17	29	10			
Middlesbrough	5	3	7	23	26	13			
Wolverhampton	5	2	7	13	19	12			
Leeds	4	3	8	13	23	11			
Manchester City	3	4	8	17	29	10			
Warrick	3	4	8	17	29	10			
Crystal Palace	4	1	10	17	29	9			
Leicester	4	1	10	11	25	9			
Brighton	2	4	9	17	30	8			

stayed in front in the title race with 24 points from 15 matches.

Ipswich, held to a 0-0 draw at home by West Bromwich, was in second place with 21 points from 13 games.

Nottingham climbed to third place with 20 from 14 matches.

Nottingham Forest 2 Southampton 1 (2-1). Peter Ward, recent 400,000 pounds (\$960,000) buy from Brighton, scored his first goal for Forest in the seventh minute. Steve Moran levelled the scores in the 13th minute, but one minute before half-time Forest went ahead again with the strange penalty. Southampton had defender Malcolm Waldron sent off the field in the 63rd minute. (Attendance — 24,669).

Stoke 2 Liverpool 2 (0-1). Liverpool, defending champions, were robbed of victory by a last-minute goal by Paul Randall, who had gone on as substitute. Liverpool twice took the lead with headers by David Johnson (24 minutes) and Kenny Dalglish (79). Lee Chapman scored Stoke's first equalizer two minutes into the second half. 22,864.)

Ipswich 0 West Bromwich 0. Ipswich lost goalkeeper Paul Cooper with a knee injury for the last 40 minutes. Defender Russell Osman took over in goal and had only one shot to save. Ipswich did a lot of attacking but



SNAPS TIE: Graham Rix of Arsenal, here seen in action last spring against Leicester, outran two defenders and broke the deadlock between his club and Brighton Saturday. Arsenal ended up winning 2-0, with Norway's King Olaf watching the battle.

Soccer Results

First Division									
Arsenal	2	Brighton	0	Huddersfield	0	Charlton	1		
Aston Villa	2	Leicester	0	Sheff	1	Plymouth	0		
Coventry	2	Leeds	0	Portsmouth	2	Cardiff	0		
Crystal Palace	1	Manchester United	0	Reading	2	Exeter	1		
Everton	2	Tottenham	0	Rotherham	3	Millwall	0		
Ipswich	0	West Bromwich	0	Sheff United	3	Colchester	0		
Manchester City	1	Norwich	0	Swindon	0	Barnley	3		
Middlesbrough	1	Birmingham	2	Walsall	3	Gillingham	3		
Nottingham Forest	2	Southampton	1	Scottish Premier Division					
Stoke	2	Liverpool	2	Aberdeen	4	Airdrie	1		
Wolverhampton	2	Sunderland	1	Hearts	1	St. Mirren	1		
				Kilmarnock	0	Partick Thistle	1		
				Morton	0	Dundee United	2		
				Rangers	3	Celtic	0		
Second Division									
Blackburn	0	Swansea	0	First Division					
Bolton	6	Cambridge	1	Ayr United	4	Berwick	1		
Bristol Rovers	0	West Ham	1	Dumbarton	2	Hamilton	1		
Derby	1	Sheff Wed	1	Dundee	2	Clydebank	1		
Gillingham	0	Queens Park Rangers	0	Ridgmount	1	East Stirling	0		
Leeds	3	Sheff Wed	1	Falkirk	0	Stirling Albion	0		
Leeds	2	Watford	1	Greenock	2	Hibernian	0		
Luton	3	Preston	1	Motherwell	0	Raith Rovers	3		
Newcastle	0	Bristol City	1	St. Johnstone	0				
Oldham	3	Notts County	1						
Orient	1			German First Division					
Wrexham	1			Saturday's Results					
				Eintracht Frankfurt	3	Karlsruhe	3		
Third Division									
Barnsley	2	Chester	0	Friday					
Blackpool	2	Newport	4	Borussia Dortmund	5	Duisburg	1		
Brentford	3	Oxford	0	Bayer Leverkusen	1	Stuttgart	1		
Fulham	1	Chesterfield	1	Schalke	1	Munich	0		
				Arsenal Bielefeld	0	Hamburg	2		
				Bayern Munich	4	Nuremberg	2		
				Bayer Uerdingen	1	Kaiserslautern	0		
				Borussia M'Gladbach	2	Cologne	0		
				Wednesday					
				Fortuna Dusseldorf	1	Bochum	1		

Karlsruhe ties Frankfurt

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Nov. 2 (AP) — Eintracht Frankfurt, trailing 2-0 with little more than 12 minutes remaining, managed a 3-3 tie with Karlsruhe Saturday in the only game scheduled in the First Division of the federal soccer league.

The visitors threatened to inflict Frankfurt's first home loss this year on two goals from Raimund Krauth, but Pezzey answered with a pair late in the match, and Holzenbein added another for Frankfurt.

Schueler was the other late scorer for Karlsruhe.

Most league action was Friday night, when league leader Bayern Munich got three goals from Rummenigge and downed Nuernberg 4-2 for its ninth straight win.

Hamburg, soon to be joined by "Kaiser" Franz Beckenbauer, downed hapless Arminia Bielefeld 2-0, despite being battled

to a scoreless draw at halftime. Bielefeld stayed at the bottom of the standings, and Hamburg retained second place.

"And now Beckenbauer is coming," said Hamburg trainer Branko Zebec.

The 35-year-old national team star and former New York Cosmos was expected to start serious training with his new team within a week, with a first appearance likely on Nov. 29 at home against Karlsruhe.

But "I'll leave that decision up to the trainer," Beckenbauer said.

In other action among league leaders, Kaiserslautern, bowing 1-0 to Uerdingen, had to give up third spot to Dortmund, which beat Duisburg 5-1.

Manfred Burgsmueller scored his second hat trick of the season in Dortmund's victory. Burgsmueller has 14 goals this year to lead all scorers in the league.

Italy tops Danes in qualifier

ROME, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Italy beat Denmark 2-0 here Saturday in a European Group 5 World Cup qualifier, with Torino striker Francesco Graziani scoring both goals after six and 50 minutes.

Despite the absence of their two best players Giancarlo Antognoni and Franco Causio, suspended following a match against Luxembourg, Italy had little trouble disposing of Denmark which played a sloppy and hesitant game.

A crowd of 50,000 watched Graziani open the score on a pass from right wing Sares early on in Rome's Olympic Stadium, to boost Italy's confidence.

Denmark, minus striker Allan Simonsen whose club, Barcelona F.C., would not release him, was led around the field in the first half by Graziani and the overlapping fullback Gentile, and failed to mount a successful offense.



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No. 1 Alabama falls 6-3

Mississippi St. stuns Tide

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (AP) — For the first time in 29 games, top-ranked Alabama walked off the field a loser in an amazing 6-3 upset by unranked Mississippi State that saw the Crimson Tide fumble at the Bulldogs' 3-yard line in the final seconds Saturday.

The No. 2 UCLA Bruins also were upset, putting third-ranked Notre Dame, which crushed Navy 33-0, in a strong position to take over the No. 1 spot in the National Poll.

The rankings should have great changes because of the upsets at the top, plus a trio of games involving two top twenty teams. Those games saw No. 4 Georgia edge No. 14 South Carolina 13-10 in a scintillating battle of talented running backs, No. 16 Oklahoma blast previously unbeaten North Carolina, ranked sixth, 41-7, and No. 8 Nebraska beat No. 15 Missouri 38-16 in a key big eight contest.

Two ranked Southeast Conference teams also lost — No. 10 Baylor 30-22 to San Jose State and 12th-ranked Texas 24-20 to Texas Tech.

The losses to Alabama, UCLA, North Carolina and Baylor left only Georgia and Notre Dame unbeaten and united in major college play.

In other games involving top twenty teams, No. 9 Ohio State slashed Michigan State 48-16, 11th-ranked Pitt bombed Syracuse 43-6, No. 13 Penn State beat Miami of Florida 27-12, No. 17 Brigham Young

Erving leads 76ers to win

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. Nov. 2 (AP) — Julius Erving scored a career-high 45 points in leading the Philadelphia 76ers to a 117-113 overtime win over the Boston Celtics Saturday night in a National Basketball Association game.

In other NBA action, guard Walter Davis and reserve Guard Johnny High each poured in season scoring highs to power the Phoenix Suns to a 127-100 victory over the Kansas City Kings.

In New York, Michael Ray Richardson helped New York reel off 17 consecutive points during the first half and the Knicks went on to hand the Washington Bullets their fifth consecutive defeat, 111-93.

In Chicago, Larry Kenon, hitting a season-high 29 points, and Artis Gilmore, who chipped in with 20, led the Chicago Bulls to a lopsided 122-100 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Johnny Davis and Dudley Bradfey combined for 41 points and sparked a balanced scoring attack Saturday night as the Indiana Pacers defeated the New Jersey net 113-100.

Hunt wins squash title

COLOGNE, West Germany Nov. 2 (AP) — Geoff Hunt of Australia won his eighth World Squash title Saturday, beating Quamir Zaman of Pakistan 3-1 at the World Professional Championship tournament.

Hunt took 1 1/2 hours to beat Zaman, ranked number two in the world. The champion won 10,000 marks (about \$5,400) first prize.

Masood Ahmet of Pakistan beat Steven Bowditch of Britain 3-0 for third place.

humiliated Texas-el Paso 83-7, No. 18 Michigan blasted Indiana 35-0, No. 19 Southern Methodist blanked Texas 27-0 and 20th-rated Purdue outscored Northwestern 52-31.

Tulsa met fifth-ranked Florida State in a night game.

Sophomore Dana Moore kicked two second-half field goals and the Mississippi State defense held the high-powered Alabama rushing attack to 116 yards in the Bulldogs' upset of Bear Bryant's tide.

Alabama's desperation drive in the waning moments fell short when defensive end Billy Jackson recovered quarterback Don Jacobs' fumble at the 3 with six seconds remaining.

"That might have been the longest two minutes of my life," coach Emory Bellard said of the 7-2 Bulldogs. "I would put a flat-

All Blacks rout Wales

CARDIFF, Nov. 2 (AFP) — The New Zealand All Blacks chose the occasion of the Welsh Rugby Union Centenary to inflict on Wales the heaviest home defeat they have ever experienced at Cardiff Arms Park here Saturday.

Graham Mourie's men, who went into the game with four wins over Welsh club sides to their credit won 23-3 scoring four tries, two of which were converted, and one penalty to Wales' one penalty.

It was New Zealand's seventh consecutive win over Wales having last lost to their great rivals 13-8 at Cardiff in 1953 and ranks second only to the crushing 33-12 second test match All Blacks win at Auckland in 1969.

Roared on by a patriotic 60,000 Arms Park crowd. The Welsh started full of verve and ambition, but soon the mobility and power of

Fityani moves forward

JEDDAH, Nov. 2 — As play continued in the Jeddah Open Tennis Tournament, the singles moved out of the third round stage Saturday night when B. Daniello ousted Jim Pennington 6-2, 6-2 to claim the last remaining fourth round place.

Current champion Khaled Fityani breezed past Don Clark 6-2, 6-2 on his way to a possible semi-final berth with Rafi Naguiat, who dumped Rudi Edholm 6-0 6-3 with unexpected ease.

Chief contender Rene Abastillas squashed M. Giroux 6-0 6-0 and looks set to take the title without losing a game.

While most matches had clear winners Larry Clark extended Tom Vogel in a two hour marathon, eventually going down 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Singles play continued Sunday. Fityani and Naguiat meeting Bill Mason and Berni Olson respectively. Abastillas is scheduled to meet R. Poschenwieder Monday night.

The doubles tournament has moved into the second round stages. Khaled Fityani and Dijani were stretched to three sets by Michel Veroglio and Vaillant before running out 6-2 3-6, 6-3 winners and moving into the quarter finals.

In other second round action Madison and Harrell downed Bebb and Clark 6-2 6-2

out 10 on our team, just like (actress) Bo Derek."

"This must be a test," said Bryant, one of only three coaches with more than 300 career victories. "Maybe the good lord intended it that way. This loss proves we're not as good as some people think we are. Maybe we'll use this as a stepping stone."

Alabama's last loss was 24-14 to Southern Cal in 1978.

Tom Tunnicliffe hit Neil Nertling on a 39-yard touchdown pass play and defensive tackle Mike Robinson tackled UCLA quarterback Tom Ramsey for a safety as Arizona came back from a 17-14 halftime deficit to beat the Bruins. Arizona punter Sergio Vega kept UCLA in the hole all day with an 80-yard boot, two punts over 50 yards and a 55-yard average.



ADVANCES: Brian Gottfried, who advanced to a finals berth against Adriano Panatta, seen in action at Wimbledon last year.

White downs Indian champ

LAUNCESTON, Tasmania Nov. 2 (AP) — Number one seed in the Tattersalls 1980 World Amateur Snooker Championships, 17-year-old Englishman Jimmy White, out-classed Indian champion Arvind Savar in the final session of the round robin series here on Sunday night.

White, who came to Australia with the reputation of the next "pot black" champion and who turns professional on November 10, the day after these championships end, has shown flair and style in all his matches.

On Sunday night, he played some brilliant strokes in his 4-2 frame defeat of the Indian who has resisted temptations from professional promoters to move from his home country.

The final eight qualifiers in this World Championship were decided when Stephen Newbury of Wales defeated Robert Paquette of Canada 4-3 in a tight match.



WINNERS: Fityani and Dajani, who advanced in the Jeddah Open doubles tournament. Seen in action Saturday night.

while Rollins and Humphreys edged past Frost and Minorez 7-6, 6-2. Doubles play continues Sunday and Monday nights.

The Grand Masters tourney (For men aged 50 or over) moved into the semi final stages

Saturday night. Jim Pennington dumped last year's runner up Alex Fish 6-1, 6-0. Barry Radley downed Jim Blake 7-6, 6-1. Jim Thiebaud crushed D. Barry 6-0, 6-1. K. Redlich dumped D. Gallucci 6-0 6-2.

U.S. retains Wightman Cup

Evert crushes England

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AP) — Chris Evert Lloyd came from 1-5 down in the final set to defeat Virginia Wade 7-5 3-6 7-5 Saturday and gave the United States victory over Britain in the Wightman Cup.

In a remarkable spell of tennis, Evert Lloyd saved two match points and dropped only three points in the last five games.

Her win gave the Americans a decisive 4-2 lead. The United States has now won 42 times and lost only ten times in the annual women's team match against Britain.

The United States led by three matches to one at the start of the second day. Andrea Jaeger, 15, had the chance to clinch the series when she took the first set off Sue Barker, but the British player came back to win 5-7 6-3 6-3.

That cut the American lead to 3-2 and Wade was on the brink of levelling the series as she raced to 5-1 against Evert Lloyd in the final set of their match.

The crowd at the Royal Albert Hall screamed with excitement as Evert Lloyd crept back from the edge of defeat and won game after game. Wade served for the match at 5-2 and again at 5-4.

At 5-4 Evert Lloyd broke her to love to level at 5-5, and then went on to win the next game to love and moved ahead 6-5. Wade was hitting powerfully and accurately, but everything she did the American did better. Evert Lloyd dropped only one point as she

held her service for the match. Wade said afterwards: "I thought Chris had given up at 5-1. But that made her so relaxed that she began to play on top form again. I did everything I should have done at that stage."

"I purposely took a little pace off the ball, but suddenly nothing began to go right. It is hard to keep your spirits when you see such a lead drift away."

Jaeger, who upset Wade Friday, had to battle against a stomach upset in her match with Barker.

"I always seem to get sick when I come to Europe," the young American said.

Jaeger saved two set points at 5-4 before winning the first set. Later Barker took command amid hysterical excitement among the crowd.

Evert Lloyd said later: "I was worried when I saw Andrea get upset. She's never had to face a crowd like that before."

In the final match of the series, Anne Smith and Kathy Jordan defeated Wade and Barker 6-4 7-5 to give the United States a 5-2 victory.

In Tokyo, wondrous Jimmy Connors, employing all his tennis skills, beat fellow American Tom Gullikson 6-1, 6-2 to capture a \$48,000 first prize of the third World Super tennis tournament finals here Sunday.

The 28-year-old Connors, three times U.S. Open champion, clinched the one-hour match when Gullikson shut out.

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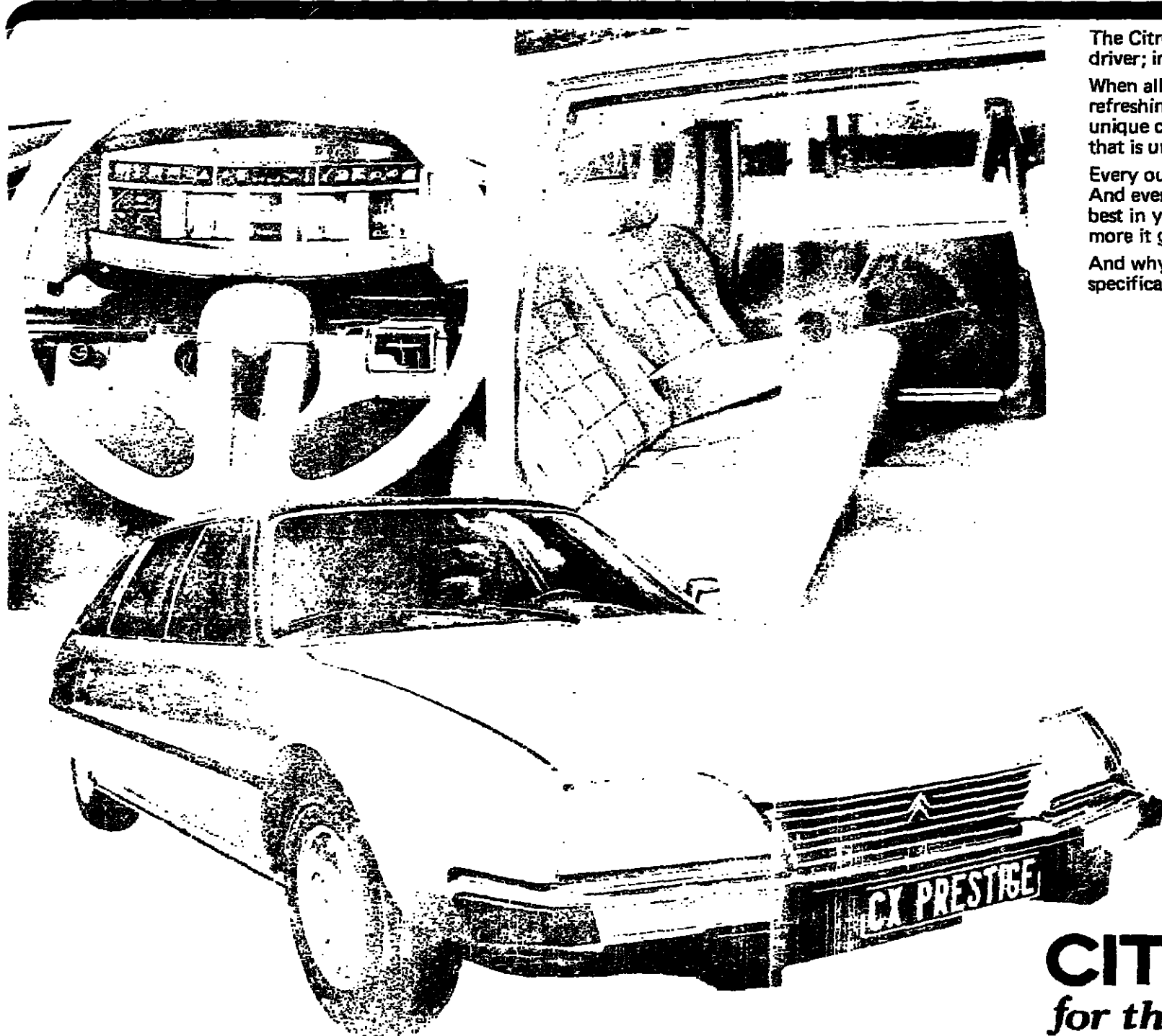
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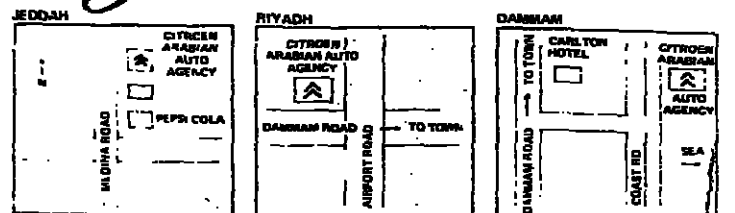
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YES FOR SUMMIT

Those advocating the postponement of the Arab summit conference, which is due to be held in Amman later this month, cite the present disarray in Arab ranks as the main obstacle to productive discussions. It is for this reason, admitting there is some disarray, that the conference should be held. In fact, one may ask, what is the point of a summit conference if everything is perfectly all right with inter-Arab relations. Such conferences since they were started in the early sixties, have served to mend the cracks and straighten out Arab relations, which have not been exceedingly satisfactory as far as the masses are concerned.

True, there are problems, and there are armed clashes across the borders, and the current Gulf war has further splintered the Arabs with some supporting Iran against Iraq like Syria, Algeria and Libya.

Judging by past performance, Arab summits have not been held in vain — even if some of them have not been sensationally brilliant. But then what conferences of this stature have been consistently effective?

The summit will help remind the world that Arabs can quarrel with each other, like everybody else, and patch up quickly, unlike many others. They have done it before and will continue to do so and those who count on chronic Arab disputes and recriminations will be the ones to lose the bet.

With the approach of the summit date, a silver lining already has appeared in the form of the reported improvement in Algerian-Moroccan relations, which in the past had prevented both leaders from attending the conference lest they should clash and abort the deliberations of other leaders. The bloody dispute over the Sahara, which had bedeviled their relations the past five years, may now be discussed more calmly than has been the case so far. Nothing outstanding may come out just now, but a start may be made during the summit if it is held on schedule.



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Poland's dangerous game of snakes and ladders

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — The upheavals in Poland have turned the life of a good many Polish officials into a confusing and dangerous game of snakes and ladders. The ladders are there for those stout souls who, in spite of the disapproval of the old regime of Edward Giersek, argued the case for change and reform. The snakes, often very slippery and very long, are waiting for people who have made political mistakes and also for those who misused power to enrich themselves.

The most sensational example of the latter is Maciej Szczepanski, head of the state radio and television under Giersek. Szczepanski was arrested recently: the latest stage in a disarming plunge down a snake during which he has lost his job, his seat on the Party Central Committee and finally even his party membership.

Szczepanski's trial promises to be sensational, with tales of money and girls to rejoice even most sated reporter from a Western scandal sheet. But the Polish press is already full of stories of charges of corruption, including several that have been brought to court.

The most important so far is that of Kazimierz Tyranski, the ex-head of a state foreign trade enterprise called Minex. Tyranski is accused of improper dealings with an Austrian company. The latter put \$400,000 into a Swiss bank account for Tyranski in exchange for his swinging a large amount of business their way. A Swedish firm is alleged to have given him a quarter-of-a-million dollars for the same purpose.

Some of Tyranski's alleged misdeeds have a peculiarly Polish ring. In a land of chronic housing shortage, he is said to have given a bribe of \$6,000 to get his daughter a flat. And he also used the Minex company's money to give presents of over \$25,000 to the Polish national soccer team.

In fact these are difficult days for Polish sportsmen, too. In more and more factories, according to the Polish news agency PAP, workers are protesting against the privileges of factory-sponsored football and other teams.

In one factory in southern Poland, where 70 sportsmen are supported in fictitious jobs, the athletes have been told to do a proper job or leave. A mine near Katowice has fired the whole of its second-division ice hockey team. The new independent trade unions seem to be playing a big part in getting rid of these fictitious but athletic workers.

The Polish Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* approves: "In a situation when justifiable privileges for top-class sportsmen are applied too flexibly and too widely, in contravention of the letter and spirit of the law, in a way offending the public sense of justice, Polish sport needs the social disapproval and the public example of such examples of abuses."

But if athletes now find they are having to play a game of snakes and ladders for which they were never trained, the people in worst trouble are the managerial class who were in a position to use their

power to make illegal money.

Among the recent examples in the Polish press are the deputy head accountant of the Polish National Bank, who by forging savings bank accounts acquired \$70,000 (and now a 10-year jail sentence); a group of employees at Horex, which processes fruit and vegetables, who made \$300,000; the director of a provincial wholesale food center who built a "luxuriously furnished villa" and bought "valuable portraits" with bribe money; the managing director of a shoe factory who took \$80,000 in bribes from an Austrian firm; and managers of a shipyard making sailing boats who are alleged to have sold boats worth \$10,000 for a tenth of that amount.

Typical of the aggrieved popular mood was an interview on Warsaw radio with the head of the criminal proceedings department of the office of the

prosecutor general. Was the law applied to all people, regardless of their position, he was asked. The answer, of course, was yes. The prosecutor's office says that last year 286 directors of factories, chairmen of cooperatives and chief accountants were charged with stealing state property.

But the publicity given to the recent trials suggests the authorities are well aware of public skepticism about the ability of powerful Poles to avoid the law. One recalls a persistent rumor in Warsaw concerning the sensational misdeeds of a child of one of the country's then most powerful men which — according to gossip — were always hushed up by the police.

One sign of the new intention that this will not happen in future is the revival of NIK, the Supreme Board of Control. This is a body, reporting to the Polish parliament, which is supposed to be a moral

and legal watchdog over the whole state and public system. It has been headed by Gen. Moczar since 1971 but little action has so far been taken on the dossiers he compiled (though it is said that the general, who with Giersek's fall has returned to active politics, now finds them useful political ammunition).

NIK is to inquire into all major foreign trade deals. But at the Communist Party plenum last month it was given a task much more agitating to many middle-class Poles: it will "check all private building investments implemented during the last decade, including holiday houses and all one-family houses except those built on farms, to see how they were financed."

Little did some of those happy house-builders know that the foundations of their brick and mortar happiness rested on the tail of a snake. — (OFNS)

New clues to hostage rescue attempt

By Bill Sweetman

LONDON — Iranian investigators probing the failed U.S. attempt to free the Tehran hostages on April 24 are puzzled by signs that the mission might have involved the use of far greater force than was apparent at first sight. The rescue mission was abandoned when three out of eight RH-53 helicopters suffered mechanical or electronic failures, and was revealed publicly because one of the helicopters collided with a Lockheed C-130 Hercules transport at a desert refueling station.

A United States military group has reviewed the planning and attempted execution of the operation, but its published report reveals few new details of the way in which the rescue was to be attempted. However, Iranian investigators have carried out their own study, based on clues found in the aircraft abandoned by the task force in its retreat. According to a letter published last month in the authoritative U.S. magazine *Aviation Week*, written by a German academic who has been in contact with the Iranian investigators, these clues raise questions which are unanswered by the U.S. report.

Codes carried by the helicopter crews, according to the Iranians, enabled them to summon assistance from U.S. Navy F-14 and A6 aircraft based on the carrier *Nimitz*, which launched the operation. The involvement of the F-14 is readily understandable; the type is the U.S. Navy's main long-range fighter and would have been needed to defend the helicopters and transport from Iranian fighters. But the A-6 is purely a bomber, designed to operate at night and in bad weather. Was there a plan for a strike against Iranian fighters on the ground, before they could take off and attack the retreating rescue force?

Also puzzling the Iranians is the fact that the flight path planned for the helicopters on the final leg — of the flight to the U.S. Embassy identified "friendly" embassies. Was it envisaged that any U.S. servicemen escaping from downed helicopters — the flight plan also included 14 emergency land-

ing sites in Tehran — would seek refuge in friendly embassies, and were these embassies warned that the mission was underway?

The task force apparently planned to abandon its helicopters after completing the rescue, making its escape in the faster C-130 transport. The Iranian analysts wonder why the place chosen for the switch, Mansabieh, was so far from Tehran: the helicopters would have had more than an hour's flying to reach the transfer point. However, Mansabieh is not far from the holy city of Qom, the residence of Ayatollah Khomeini and from the airfield where Iran's own F-14s are based, and the Iranians wonder whether either of these points might have been attacked by the retreating force.

The Iranians believe that the rescue force included at least one heavily armed aircraft — an AC-130 Specter armed version of the Hercules, developed during the Vietnam war to attack truck convoys by night. Armed with Vulcan multi-barrel guns and, in some versions, a single 105 millimeter cannon, the Specter has sophisticated infra-red and low-light-television aiming devices. The role of this aircraft in the rescue mission is unknown.

Letter to the editor

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Jay Bushway

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Sunday covered their lead stories with the arrival of King Khaled in Riyadh and an audience to the visiting French Minister of the Interior. In a lead story, *Al Medina* reported that Iran is considering sending envoys to the Arab world to explain its position on the current armed conflict with Iraq. *Okaz* led with Iraqi Foreign Minister Saddam Hammadi's confirmation that the Arab summit conference would be held as scheduled in Amman later this month.

Al Jazirah fronted the reported presence of Soviet forces on the Pakistani-Iranian borders. In another page one story, it said Iraq would receive 60 Mirage aircraft from France early next month. *Okaz* and *Riyadh* also gave front-page prominence to the Mirage story. Newspapers gave page one treatment to the ongoing talks in Riyadh between the Interior Ministers of Saudi Arabia and France, giving further prominence to an agreement on the setting up of a bureau for technical cooperation and the opening of an institute to teach French language to security officials. In a front-page story, *Al Medina* quoted Salah Abu Ismail, a member of the Egyptian Popular Council, as saying the majority of Egyptians support the Islamic law, but vote against it to please the government. *Al Nadwa* fronted a meeting of the Non-aligned Committee in Belgrade Sunday to consider ways for realizing peaceful conditions between Iraq and Iran.

Newspaper editorials discussed the upcoming Arab summit meeting in Amman and the Iraq-Iran

conflict. They urged the Islamic world to take the initiative to put an end to the bloodshed. Some editorials touched on the current visit of the French Minister of the Interior to the Kingdom, saying the visit has taken place within the framework of bilateral relations.

Dealing with the Arab summit conference, *Okaz* noted that the conference would be called upon to take measures to break the bottleneck in Arab relations. Referring to the recent meetings of the seven-party committee, the paper said that such meetings are proof of a continuity of Arab stance against any attempt to play with the legitimate rights of the Arabs. The paper reiterated that the restoration of the Palestinian rights would provide a prelude to a real peace in the Middle East. It concluded by saying that Israel's aggressive designs and its continuous challenge to the wishes of the international community have left no choice but to make a direct move to eliminate the danger from the region and to bring about peace in accordance with the Arab concept of peaceful conditions.

Dwelling on the Iraq-Iran conflict, *Al Yom* observed that this conflict constitutes the most serious source of tension in this extremely sensitive region of the world. The paper said that those who are not showing concern at the U.N. Security Council have perhaps forgotten that the Islamic states, led by Saudi Arabia, had made the first peace initiative immediately after the conflict had flared up. It added that several have been made since to hold an

urgent Islamic summit conference to consider the situation now obtaining on the Iraqi-Iranian borders. The paper urged the Islamic nation to make another bid to stop bloodshed between the two Islamic states.

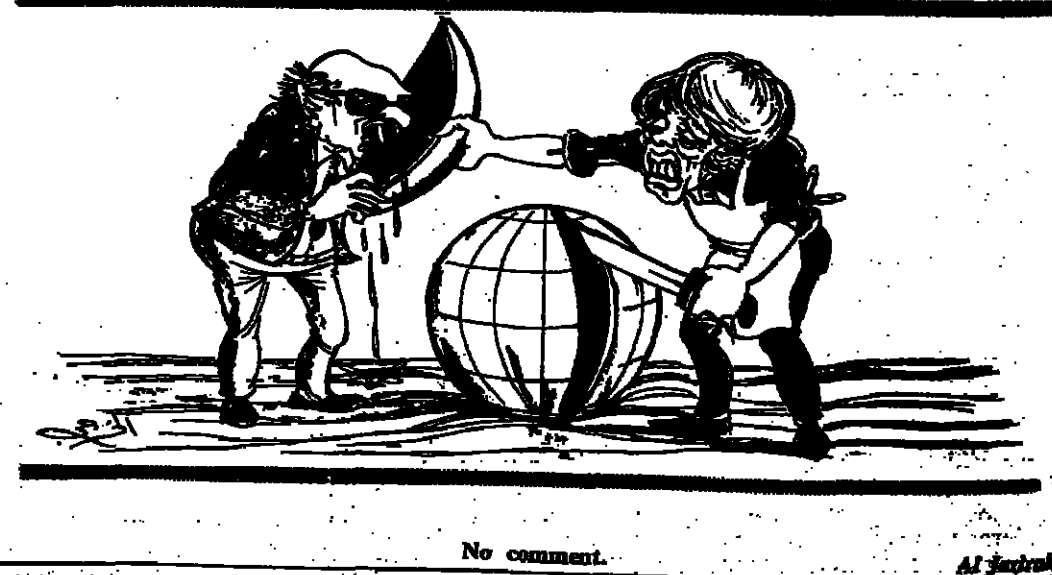
Al Jazirah discussed the U.S. Presidential elections to say that it is the season in the U.S. to sell promises, votes, newspapers, magazines and the TV time. The two main presidential candidates are showing abundant liberalism to Israel by rejecting all Arab demands, it said, adding that the problems of the Arabs would remain as they are, no matter who triumphs in the elections.

On the same subject, *Al Riyadh* noted that the influence of the Zionist lobby in the U.S. has assumed enormous proportions at the foreign policy level, and no one can optimistically think of a shift in the objectives of the Zionist policy. At such a crucial time, it becomes indispensable for the Arabs to unify their efforts to confront that policy and stand steadfast in the face of the Zionist ambitions in the Arab region. Saudi Arabia has invariably urged the adoption of a unified stance on all crucial issues and the elimination of marginal differences which only serve the interest of the enemy, it said.

Dealing with the French Interior Minister's current visit to the Kingdom, *Al Bilad* observed that security has been a prominent feature in the development of the Saudi Arabian society during the past five decades. It added that peaceful condi-

tions in this country derive their inspiration from the Islamic law, which have made the European states believe that a real solution to their security problems lies in the application of the divine laws. The paper said further that Saudi-French talks pre-

sent a living example of cooperation in the area of security, and expressed satisfaction that bilateral relations and talks between the leaders of the two countries have given a new dimension to the development of these ties.



Tourist industry planned

Beauty of Oman justifies arduous journey

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — Oman. If ever a country sounds straight out of the Tales of the Arabian Nights this is it. To many, Oman seems almost as much myth as reality — or did until a month ago. With the outbreak of war between Iran and Iraq, and the subsequent focusing of world attention on the vital Strait of Hormuz, Oman has come under the inter-

thus ending a reign described as one "of utter indifference... The need was to drag a people from a twilight age into modernity". Almost as if on cue, the people of this fairytale sultanate are preparing to celebrate their emergence into the twentieth century with major festivities next month for their tenth national day celebrations.

Well, may they celebrate. The country's first-ever five-year plan, launched in 1976,

ism when we had no facilities to offer? We need an infrastructure. Now we've got it, and the first five-year plan for tourism development is currently receiving approval before implementation."

One important category of traveller that Oman wishes to attract is people from the Gulf Area — nationals and residents. Many Middle Eastern nationals do not need entry visas, so their passage is already assured.

ting creates the mood for much of the architecture and scenery of the actual center of Muscat, and adjoining towns such as Ruwi and Mutrah which have been absorbed into the capital area. Many of the old buildings are being restored and repainted in glistening white: charming iron lacework balconies are being given a new lease of life; crumbling ancient forts are being rebuilt and by night, floodlit. Mina Qaboos harbour is also a splendid sight, bustling with modern ships and machinery mingled with quaint dhows and a shore edged by elegant arched-balconied buildings.

The road system being developed in the capital area is also impressive, particularly considering that ten years ago there were only three kilometers of tarmac road in the country. The main centers of the capital are now being joined by double-lane divided highways with frequent well-regulated roundabouts. Around the foreshores the center stripe have been excellently cultivated with neatly clipped lawns and shrubs which contrast well with the starkness of the rocky hills surrounding the city.

Invertebrate shoppers can also enjoy Muscat and Oman. In the capital and other centres such as the historic town of Nizwa, to the south-west of Muscat, one can treasure hunt for such delights as the silver scarabed dagger or *khanjar*, the main Omani status symbol and an integral part of the national costume for men. One can also shop for antique silverware, rings, anklets, earrings, coffee pots, old muskets with elaborate silver trim, sabres, shields, matting and basket ware and woven rugs. From Salalah an — unusual souvenir is an incense burner. The famous southern resin, which recalls earlier days of Omani glory when the substance was a sought after cargo on the old sea trading routes.

When the tourists descend on Oman they will find an abundant supply of top class hotels ready to accommodate them. Apart from the Seeb Intercontinental Airport hotel now under construction, Muscat can offer a number of excellent alternatives including the Ruwi, Al Falaj, Mutrah, mina and Gulf. But without doubt the most spectacular in Muscat is the International, an imposing giant of a building, about halfway between Seeb and Muscat. Designed by an Italian architect, it takes the lines of the traditional Arab house — a square built around and inner courtyard. In the case of the Intercontinental, the courtyard is some six-floors, plus lower ground floor, high, with three see-through lifts going up the centers. The ceiling of the structure is just as imposing as the rest — vaulted arcs of timber reminiscent of the early timber trading days and the dhows for which Oman is famous.

In Nizwa a modern 25-room motel has recently been completed, while the Holiday



PALACE: The Sultan's residence is on the waterfront

Inn chain has a branch in Salalah. Prices for a double room in the various hotels range from R.O. (Omani Riyal) 37 (about SR370) at the Intercontinental to R.O. 18,200 at the Mina.

Reaching Muscat from Saudi Arabia is by no means simple at this stage, considering that the two countries share a common border. Because there are no direct flights bet-

ween Jeddah and Muscat one must do the journey in a number of stages such as Jeddah-Dhahran, Dhahran-Doha, Doha-Muscat. Checking in at Jeddah two hours before departure meant that the journey took about eight hours. But, considering the Omanis have travelled through centuries in the past ten years, such inconveniences are a trifle.

Conference to plan future of Australian oil industry

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — Spectacular developments in Australia's energy industry have attracted keen international interest in the Australian oil and gas conference to be held in Perth, Western Australia from December 1 to 3.

The conference will provide information for international investors who have been the key to the main Australian oil share index rising 240 percent in the past year. According to information released by the office of the Australian trade commissioner in Jeddah, the developments include:

— A \$a50 billion liquid natural gas contract with Japan, and a \$a1.3 billion loan to develop the north west shelf natural gas field.

— An \$a11 billion commitment by Exxon

to the Rundle oil shale deposits.

— The rapid rise of Sirata Oil, founded only in January, into Australia's top 100 companies, after finding commercial gas.

— An estimated \$a29 billion worth of resource projects currently on the drawing board.

The three-day conference will be opened by Western Australia premier Sir Charles Court. It is being convened by Lipscombe and Associates, publishers of Australia's petroleum exploration newsletter Pex. Speakers will include leading figures from the petroleum industry and business world in Australia and other countries. Their aim will be to provide an insight into where the oil and gas industry is heading.



FORT: built by the Portuguese in the 17th century

national spotlight.

Yet, though Oman is naturally concerned about the current hostilities, Muscat — the equally mystical sounding capital of Oman — is handling the crisis with a certain laid back pragmatism. Apart from the dozens of tankers lying offshore, and the teams of restless international television crews in the hotel foyers, there were no visible signs that a crisis was continuing a few hundred kilometers up, the coast.

That Oman should suddenly find itself a center of attention is timely. Not only is it strategically vital as part keeper of the Strait of Hormuz. It is itself rapidly emerging from what even Omani publications refer to as "a prolonged dark age". In 1970 the present ruler, Sultan Qaboos, overthrew his father

has already exceeded its target for gross domestic product, while the people themselves are enjoying the benefits of a massive development program launched to provide schools, hospitals, clinics, roads and houses.

Soon tourists may also be able to enjoy the delights of Oman. Although a tourist visa to the Sultanate does not yet exist, a five year plan to study the launching of a tourist industry and the infrastructure necessary to cope with it is now under scrutiny. It is hoped that the present decade will see the opening of Oman's doors to the outside world as the last decade saw the opening of the doors of the twentieth century to the local people.

As Oman's director of tourism, Muhammed Noor Ismail, told *Middle East Travel* magazine: "How could we encourage tour-

Others can look forward to the implementation of the plan.

While visiting Oman is by no means simple yet (one usually must have a valid reason for going), potential tourists will ultimately find their patience rewarded. Muscat itself lives up to all romantic expectations, retaining a mystical charm amid a bustling modernisation program. Perhaps the most breathtaking sight in Muscat is the bay itself, flanked on each headland by imposing seventeenth century Portuguese fort and crowned by the splendour of the Sultan's palace — an imposing modern Arabesque structure with the waves of the bay lapping gently at its base. As one resident commented: "It's straight out of a Hollywood movie set."

The magnificence of the palace and its set-



MUSCAT: the entrance to the harbour

Read by 60 million

Good grief! Charlie Brown is 30

By Sidney C. Schaer

LOS ANGELES (LAT-UP) — Charlie Brown turned 30 earlier this month. So did Snoopy and Peppermint Patty.

Good ol' Charlie Brown, who once said the secret of living is owning a convertible and a lake and that the truth was just as wishy-washy as he was. And just because he's 30 years old doesn't mean that he's going to make contact with the football Lucy Van Pelt always pulls away from him in the last second. And being 30 still doesn't entitle him to talk with that little red-haired girl.

Face it, Charlie Brown was, is and always will be "a foul ball in the time drive up life."

And in a curious way, so is Charles Schulz. He is a 57-year-old cartoonist who used his 365-day-a-year comic strip platform to express his own ambivalence about life, vacillating between the ordinariness of Charlie Brown and the extraordinary fantasy world of Snoopy.

But really, what's the big deal about a little round-faced comic strip character and his pompous floppy-eared dog hitting the big three-oh mark? Should there be a presidential proclamation? Or a warning on the strip that Charlie Brown is now 30 and can't be trusted?

The one you can't trust is Lucy. And if you expect to find Charles Schulz sitting on the top of the world, overjoyed with his immense wealth, what you really find is a thoughtful, still nervous, worried and strangely insecure human being.

Much of what has appeared in *Peanuts* — the comic strip's title that Schulz has never liked — is autobiographical. He draws from his own memories of being young and from observations of his five children growing up. But now his youngest has left home, and one senses a kind of melancholy in having to deal with the departure of his children.

"I think I miss my mother and father more now than I ever have. I suppose it's own circumstances of having to resolve my own children leaving me."

In another sense, it's learning to deal with maturity: "It's this business again of riding in the front seat or the back seat. I'm 57 and

I'm still not ready to sit up in the front and drive."

The back seat is a reference to a 1972. Charlie Brown and Peppermint Patty are sitting back to back against a tree, and she asks him, "What do you think security is?"

And Charlie Brown replies: "Security is sleeping in the back seat of the car. When you're a little kid and you've been somewhere with your Mom and Dad, and it's night and you're riding home in the car, you can sleep in the back seat... you don't have to worry about anything and your Mom and Dad are in the front seat and they do all the worrying..."

There is a curious kind of merging of voices, Charlie Brown or Schulz?

"I do know I wish it were possible to get back to 473 McAllister and see my mother and Dad in that house (in St. Paul, Minn.) and sit down and talk with them. I don't like the fact I am really alone in the world right now... but there comes a time you can't go back and, by golly, you're out there by yourself."

He is asked if he is a man of immense wealth. He answers candidly: "I am now." He goes on to say he isn't as rich as Rockefeller, but confesses that he is somewhat uncomfortable with the fact that he earns so much money that he has really lost a sense of what things cost.

"When you start making a lot of money, a dollar here, a dollar there doesn't mean a thing. It's true. I know when my father made 50 cents on a haircut, he knew how much he had to work to get that, and when he had to pay \$4 for a Christmas tree, he knew he had to work eight hours to pay for it. But I have no way of judging that and if something costs \$30 or \$50, I don't pay too much attention to that, because I've kind of lost the sense of what the difference is."

Still, for all his wealth and fame, Schulz seems to be a genuinely self-effacing human being. He says he still doesn't drink or smoke and that he sees himself as leading a simple life in a new house, he built in Santa Rosa, Calif., with his second wife. But he wishes people realized that he isn't coasting, although the conventional wisdom might hold that after three decades of doing the

same comic strip, doing it now would be easy.

Easy it isn't. Natural it is. "It's not something I do mechanically, and I think about it virtually all the time, without being temperamental about it."

Peanuts has been around so long, Schulz wonders whether today's generation grasps how innovative it was when it began. (It started when seven newspapers bought it from the United Feature syndicate. Now it's read by more than 60 million people every day in 1,800 newspapers worldwide.)

"I think it's difficult for people to put themselves back into 1948 and 1949, when I was working on the idea, and how unique it was. It's like someone 18 years old looking at *Clash Kane* and wondering what all the shouting is about. But if they could really imagine the impact that movie had in 1942. Now it looks sort of ordinary."

Good grief. What about Charlie Brown? "They key is consistency. Like Jack Benny. You always knew how he was going to react. No matter what happens, poor Charlie can't fly that kite or kick the football."

That doesn't mean we can't do on hoping for better days for Chuck. And having a little sympathy for his friend, Charlie Monroe Schulz, who sometimes gets uncomfortably close to sharing a similar fate.

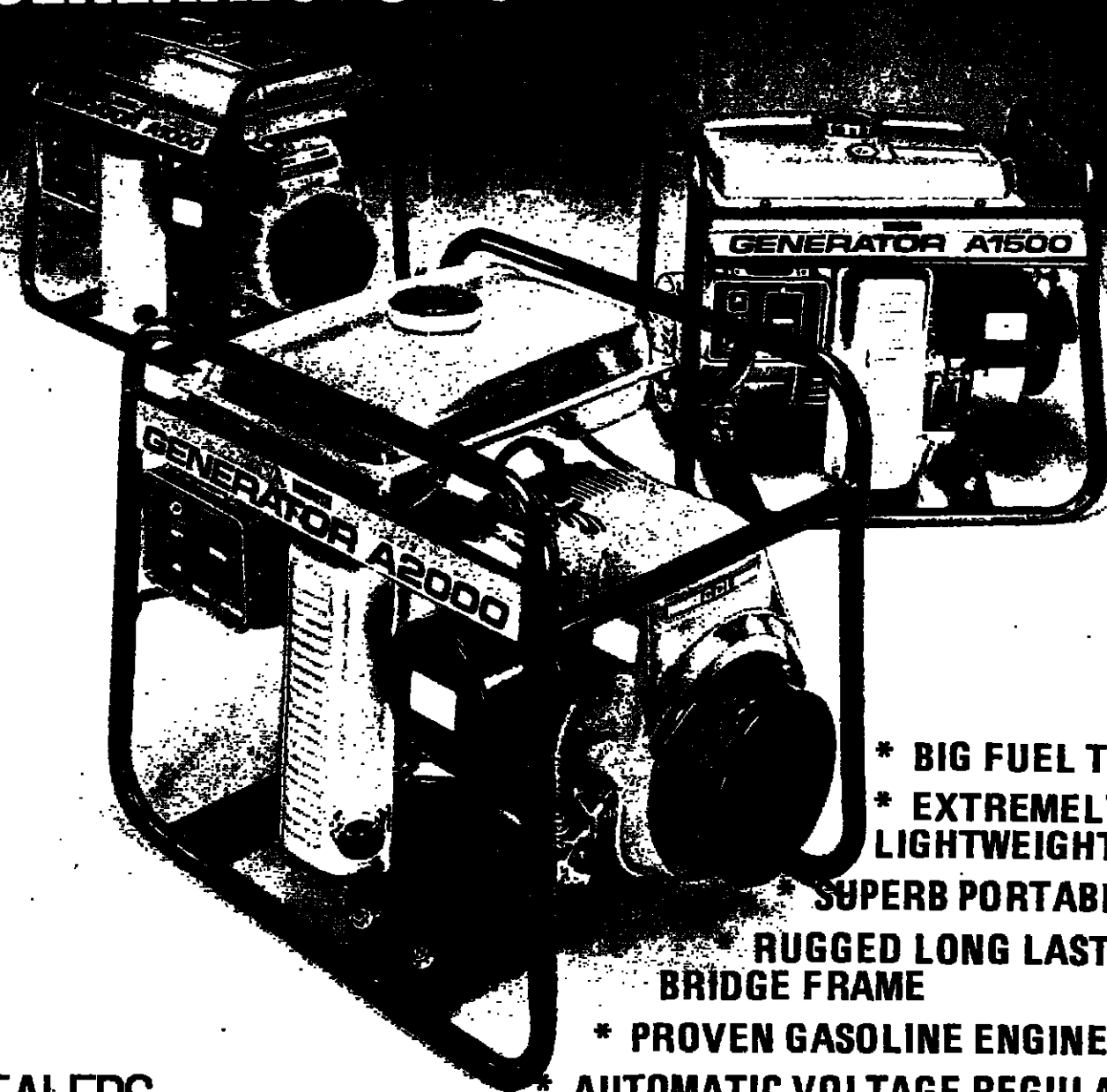
Several days after Charlie Brown and his friends celebrated their 30th birthdays as America's most successful comic strip, our wishy-washy kid-hero sat numbing with a certain familiar disquietude about whether he was boring.

He asks Snoopy: if someone doesn't listen to you, does that mean you're boring or if someone falls asleep while you're talking, and walks away from you while you're talking, does that also mean you're boring?

The answer was in the last panel. Snoopy, sleep-walking with a big "Z" above his head, walks away.

How appropriate for Charlie Brown's 30th birthday that we find him still fumbling nervously with his own identity.

And how curious for Schulz, opening his mail a week after that strip appeared, to find enclosed a clipping with the word "boring" scrawled on the bottom.

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Venezuela says

Iraq-Iran conflict produces paralysis

CARACAS, Nov. 2 (R) — Venezuela has warned OPEC fellow-member states that the war between Iraq and Iran has produced a kind of paralysis within the organization. In a message sent to all OPEC members last week and made public Saturday, Humberto Calderon Berti, energy and mines minister told his OPEC counterparts the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has arrived at its 20th anniversary after having gone through a long and difficult process of institutional consolidation. He added:

"Today we face with pain the conflict between our brother countries of Iran and Iraq which is seriously affecting the work of the organization."

"Prolongation of the conflict could cause deeper consequences in an organization that needs unity, understanding and solidarity to successfully confront pressures from the

industrialized world," Calderon said.

In the meantime, Tanzanian Information and Broadcasting Minister ISAAC Sepetu said Saturday the Iraq-Iran war had affected crude oil deliveries to his country which had been left with only 30 days' oil stock. He told the official Emirates News Agency that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Petroleum Minister, Mansour Oteiba, informed him Saturday that the UAE would consider Tanzania's request for more oil.

"Sepetu, here since last Wednesday on a mission to buy more oil, said that before the Gulf war his country imported 800,000 tons of crude oil annually, 60 per cent from Iraq and the balance from the UAE."

Iraq's oil exports have ceased with the outbreak of the Gulf war on Sept. 22.

Russian harvest failure surprises Western experts

LONDON, Nov. 2 (OFNS) — The news that the Soviet grain harvest may not be more than 180 million tons has surprised Western experts.

This is, quite simply, a very bad result for Moscow. It is only a fraction more than the 179 million tons harvested in 1979, which was a very bad year, and is way behind the 1980 target of 235 million tons.

No one, in Moscow or anywhere else, believed this target figure would be reached but it was thought quite possible that this year's figure, despite bad weather, might be 190 million tons or more.

What went wrong? The weather, clearly, was more destructive than many had calculated. The Soviet climate is notoriously changeable from year to year. Crops are often damaged by too much frost too early, too much or too little rain, insufficient warmth.

This difficult climate partly explains why the Soviet Union, with far more land under crops than the United States, produces considerably less food. The climate also means that much Soviet grain is poor in quality, which means bad productivity when it comes to milling or making animal feed.

It is also true that the Soviet Union has managed to increase its production of grain very substantially over the last 20 years; 1959-65 saw average harvests of 128 million tons. This rose to 190 million tons between 1971 and 1977. The average for 1976-80 will now be some 200 million tons.

This has been achieved, very much under Brezhnev's personal patronage, by more investment in farming. Agriculture now gets more than a quarter of all Soviet investment, compared to only a fifth in 1965, the year after the Brezhnev collective leadership took over from the deposed Khrushchev.

This means that three times as much fertilizer (essential because much of Soviet soil is poor in nitrogen) is being applied now as in 1965. A large area has been irrigated and improved.

The Brezhnev recipe for farming, apart from more money, is increased specialization and concentration of production. The question is just how much the recent bad harvests can be blamed on the weather and how much on Soviet farming strategy and the way it is executed. If the strategy is at serious fault, then farming becomes political dynamite.

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" " "	Completion of leftover work at Al-M'arash school	17/400/401	150	Nov. 5
Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Transportation of fuel of Northern Province	27/400/401	100	Nov. 3
" " "	Supply of military uniforms	28/400/401	500	Nov. 4
Department of Education, Najran	Construction of a concrete roof school building (Model B)	—	500	Nov. 16
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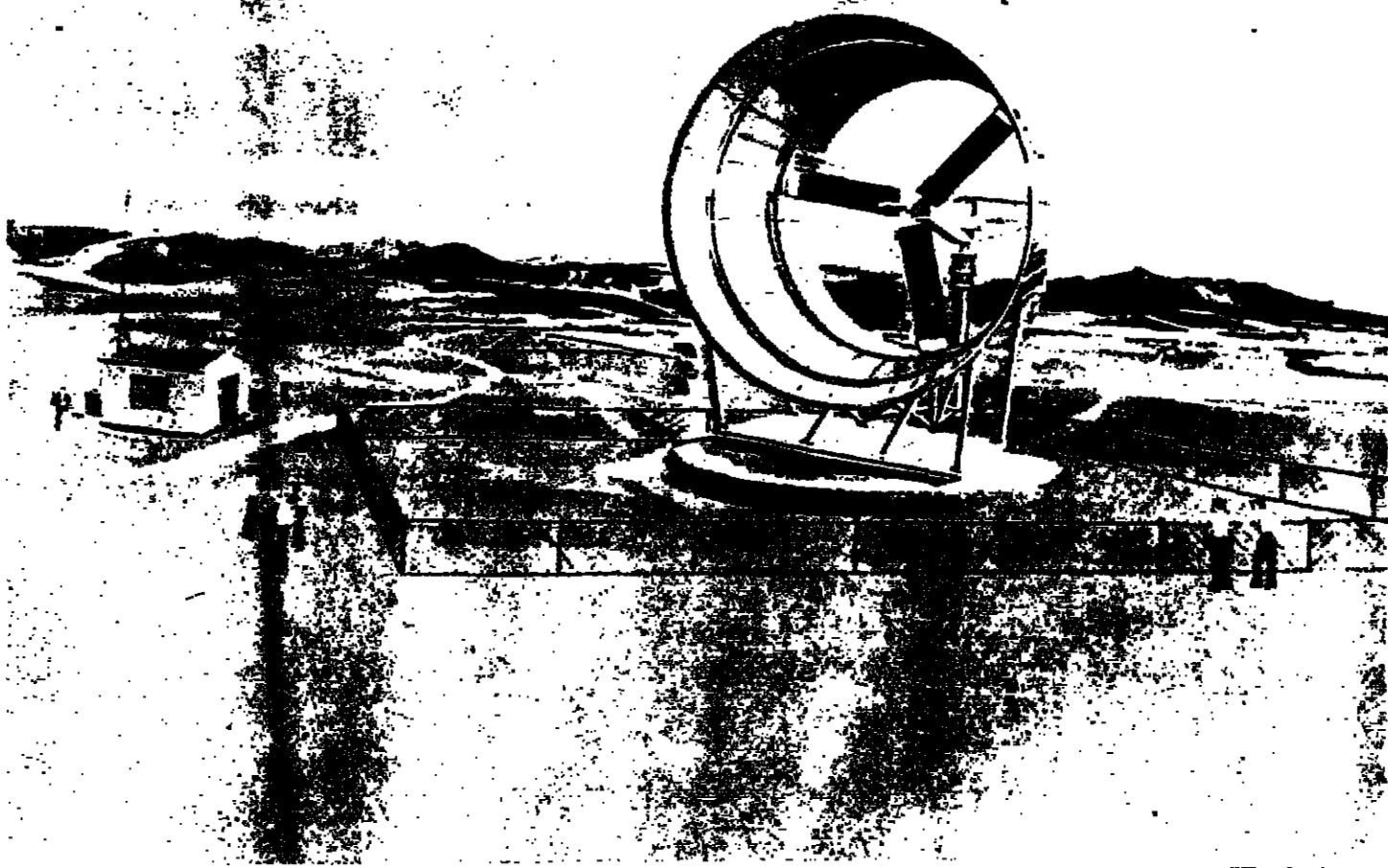
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NEW WINDMILL DESIGN: Windmills are moving into the space-age. The above design is the latest development in this direction. Called a diffuser-augmented wind turbine system. The unit is currently the research project of a group of scientists in America's Grumman Company. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, the windmill operates at lower wind speeds while generating more power than conventional propeller-driven systems.

Bank staff may lose many jobs

GENEVA, Nov. 2 (R) — Bank employees will lose many jobs in the next decade because of new technology and they must take a tougher negotiating line with employers, their international federation said here Sunday.

In a report entitled "Bank Workers and New Technology," the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, Professional and Technical Employees (FICPTE) said banking systems in different countries were converging through the use of international electronic financial transfers.

Other computer-based technologies such as automatic tellers and cash dispensers were also affecting jobs. Some jobs would disappear altogether and job opportunities would grow fewer in the next decade, the report said. Service industries could be in danger, he regarded as bottomless pits of job opportunity.

LONDON, (AFP) — The future of the ailing British auto giant British Leyland appeared to under serious threat Saturday majority of the workforce voted against a 6.8 per cent pay rise offered by management. 30,000 workers in eight factories including the key plant at Longbridge which manufactures the firm's recently launched big hope — the Mini Metro — voted in favor of a strike as the best way of winning improvement of what they described as an insulting offer.

LAHORE, Pakistan, (AFP) — Pakistan railways and the United States firm Kentron have signed a \$50-million agreement for

Trends affecting processing of oil refineries in Europe

London Bureau

European refiners have noted two recent trends that already are affecting refinery processing in Europe: the demand for heavy fuel oil is falling sharply and available crude oils are becoming poorer in quality. As a result, while European refineries will be processing about the same amount of crude oil in 1986 as they are today, they will have increased their cracking capacity by as much as 50 per cent. Some managers have predicted that in many cases, the overall refinery heavy fuel oil produced will be less than 4 per cent of the crude charged.

Clive Griffith, refinery process manager for Pullman Kellogg Limited, Wembley (London), recently told a German oil and coal industry symposium that heavy oil cracking is receiving "more and more attention for the conversion of atmospheric residue to distillate gasoline and light hydrocarbons."

Depending upon the quality of crude feed, residuals from conventional conversion schemes contain varying concentrations of asphaltenes which are lacking in hydrogen,

making their conversion to light liquid hydrocarbons difficult. Residuals with high asphaltene content also tend to have heavy metals content.

Asphaltenes can be concentrated by visbreaking, delayed coking and deasphalting. Visbreaking and deasphalting still require that some heavy hydrocarbon material be left with the asphaltene to keep it in colloidal suspension and make the material saleable as a fuel oil. Direct conversion to oil requires hydrogen in sufficient supply to break and saturate the aromatic.

Indirect conversion, by partial oxidation or by heavy oil cracking, is another processing option for the refiner.

Griffith contends that modern European refineries will use "developing and proven techniques to reduce fuel oil pools to a minimum." "Extensions of the simpler schemes such as solvent deasphalting and deasphalted oil hydrotreating will give a higher fuel oil yield than the heavy-oil cracking route and consume slightly less hydrogen, but the asphaltene fraction will still have to be cut back to make a saleable fuel oil."

Feeds with high metals and carbon content, which are becoming more common, will require pretreatment before introduction to the heavy oil cracking unit, Griffith said. "Hydrotreating processes will reduce sulfur metals and residual carbon" to acceptable levels for heavy oil cracking and give "better product quality and control of sulfur emissions to the environment," said the Pullman Kellogg manager.

Kellogg officials at the Houston world headquarters of the design, engineering and construction management firm say the heavy oil cracking route is expected to be pursued in the United States as well, reflecting the worldwide problem of processing poorer quality crudes.

BRIEFS

installing a vast microwave communications system for the Pakistani railway network. The project, involving a foreign exchange component of \$37.57 million, would be completed by 1982, railway board chairman Gulzar Ahmed told newsmen here.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Workers' wages in Japan fell 2.8 per cent in real terms below a year earlier in September, following an identical drop in August, the labor ministry said. It forecast that the downtrend in real wages would last several months. In September pay was up 5.9 per cent, but consumer prices were up 8.9 per cent.

OAEPEC urged to establish oil refinery

KUWAIT, Nov. 2. (R) — Oil exporting countries must build a refining industry that can compete in the different world oil products markets of the future, the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAEPEC) said Sunday.

Oil exporters must also examine the current trend toward investment in conversion refining facilities in the major markets, particularly Europe, the United States and Japan, OAEPEC said in the editorial of its monthly bulletin.

The increasing investment was justified by the availability of fuel oil in the future for conversion into quality transportation fuels when synthetic fuels replaced it as an energy source.

In the meantime, oil ministers of OAEPEC will hold their first meeting since the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war in Kuwait Dec. 8, the news bulletin reported Saturday.

It made no mention of the topics to be discussed, but said an agenda will be prepared by OAEPEC oil undersecretaries who will be meeting in Kuwait Dec. 4. OAEPEC members are Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Syria, Algeria and Libya.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's oil minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa al-Sabah, was quoted Sunday as saying that there was very little OPEC could do to end the Iran-Iraq war. "I don't think OPEC can do much in this condition in relation to what the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO), the United Nations, the Security Council and the nonaligned movement are doing," he told the newspaper *Al-Wakeel* in an interview. He was commenting on Venezuelan proposal for an extraordinary meeting of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to consider the effect on the world oil market of the war, which has halted oil exports from Iran and Iraq of almost four million barrels a day.

In a message sent to all OPEC members last week, Venezuelan oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said that the war had produced a kind of paralysis within the organization.

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Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
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Kampala seals off West Nile district as reprisals rise

KAMPALA, Nov. 2 (OFNS) — Uganda's ruling military commission continues to deny civilian access to the troubled West Nile district although it claims all fighting has ended there.

Reports filtering from the war zone describe heavy reprisals by the Uganda National Liberation Army against the local population. Many local people rose in support of the invading forces, members of their own tribe who had served in Idi Amin's army and had fled when the dictator was overthrown 18 months ago.

In addition to denying access to West Nile by any independent observers, the military commission has refused to release any details of casualties or the size of the forces involved. Meanwhile, a series of apparently random killings in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, is raising tensions and a number of unexplained bomb blasts have rocked the city.

Fighting flared around an army barracks south of the city a week ago, after which eight bodies were found dumped just outside Kampala. Two weeks ago, four patrons of a suburban Kampala bar were seized by men in military uniform and later found murdered.

Addressing the nation the next day, the military commission chairman, Paulo Muwanga, attacked those who questioned the government version of events in West Nile. "I deeply deplore the unpatriotic attitude demonstrated by some of our citizens, who have published malicious propaganda that the invasion we have just suffered was a fabrication," he said.

The opposition Democratic Party and the Uganda Patriotic Movement believe Muwanga, a political ally of the Uganda People's Congress leader, Milton Obote, is obscuring the truth of the situation in West Nile to promote Obote's party interests.

Sources in the Patriotic Movement maintain that pro-Obote factions within the army have taken advantage of the confused military situation to eliminate troops loyal to Yoweri Museveni, vice-chairman of the military commission and president of the Patriotic Movement.

Government ministers loyal to Obote's UPC daily denounce "collaborators of exile forces" and "internal enemies." Privately, one high government official and UPC member warns that "bold steps might have to



Milton Obote

be taken against collaborators in the interests of the majority."

Many of these statements are thinly disguised threats against the Patriotic Movement, but any use of force against the Patriotic



Idi Amin

Movement or Museveni would be a calculated risk. Museveni has significant support in the army, especially among southerners.

Although the pro-UPC faction of the army, led by the chief of staff, Brigadier Oyite

Ojok, is certainly stronger, an armed confrontation might last a long time and could lead Uganda from instability to chaos.

Muwanga and Foreign Minister Otema Alimadi recently visited Addis Ababa and Cuba, fueling speculation that Cuban troops are to be invited to Uganda to maintain security. Alimadi categorically denied such reports, but did not rule out calling for Cuban assistance if Uganda's security is threatened in the future.

"If we did need troops, who would be better to ask than the leader the non-aligned nations?" he said.

Registration of voters in preparation for the general elections to be held on Dec. 10 ended two weeks ago, although special arrangements for further registration are to be made in West Nile areas affected by the fighting.

The same may be necessary in the Kasere district of southwestern Uganda, where at least 10,000 Batoro tribesmen have fled their homes after threats from rival Bakonjo tribesmen. The Bakonjo inhabit the Ruwenzori mountains above Kasere town and lay claim to the lowlands occupied by the Batoro.

5 appointed, 5 dropped by Fraser

CANBERRA, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser Sunday announced a revamped federal cabinet, including a new foreign minister with no previous diplomatic experience following his Oct. 18 general election victory.

The new foreign minister, in a line-up which sees five new faces and the disappearance of five former ministers, is Tony Street, 54, a former and close friend of Fraser, who was minister for industrial relations.

The former foreign minister, Andrew Peacock, 41, who last week came within votes of being elected deputy leader of the Liberal Party, has been made minister for industrial relations. This tough domestic portfolio will bring him up against Bob Hawke, the former Australian trade union chief who stepped down for a safe Labor seat in Parliament at last month's election, and will be the opposition's spokesman on industrial matters.

Most senior ministers retain their old portfolios, but one minister, Eric Robinson, who has had serious differences with Fraser over the prime minister's leadership style, has been dropped altogether. Four former ministers were not reappointed, and a fifth retired at the election.

Party sources said Fraser had offered to move Robinson from his finance ministry to the department of business and consumer affairs, but Robinson refused to accept what he considered to be a demotion. Two former ministers have left the government voluntarily. Administrative Affairs Minister John Mcleay asked not to be considered and Victor Garland asked for a change from being minister for business and consumer affairs.

Fraser agreed not to reappoint Mcleay, but in a major surprise also announced that Garland would be appointed high commissioner to Britain, one of the plum diplomatic postings, towards the middle of next year.

Sacked from their jobs were Minister for Housing Ray Groom and Minister for Veterans Affairs Evan Aderman.

The former minister for aboriginal affairs, Fred Chaney, has had the most meteoric rise, with promotion to minister for social security. He goes from being 26th to 14th in the ministerial line-up and wins a seat in cabinet for the first time.

The former social security minister, Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, takes over the finance ministry. The new faces are John Moore, minister for business and consumer affairs; Michael Hodgman, minister for the capital territory; Senator Tony Messner, minister for veterans affairs; Senator Peter Baume, minister for aboriginal affairs; and Tom McVeigh, minister for housing and construction.

No. 10 mixes office hubbub, domestic calm

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AP) — A bobbie rings the doorbell at No. 10 Downing Street and in walks a proud-looking alley cat named Wilberforce. The black-and-white cat, a stray given sanctuary five years ago, is a constant reminder that No. 10 is both a power center and a private house for British prime ministers, a mixture of office hubbub and domestic calm.

Recently U.S. correspondents were given a tour of it following an interview with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. No. 10 exudes English charm, but many modern prime ministers and their wives have not liked it.

"I always preferred my own home to official houses, though they certainly have their advantages," said the late Clementine Churchill.

Mary Wilson, wife of Labor's Harold Wilson, refused to move in at all because it made her "sick with fear." Former Prime Minister James Callaghan, ousted in the May 1979 election, deliberated for weeks before deciding to make it home.

While there was never any doubt that Mrs. Thatcher and her husband Denis would live at No. 10 Mrs. Thatcher does complain that it is like living in a fish bowl and "that bothers me."

Her twin offspring, racing car driver Mark and journalist Cagol, do not live there.

No. 10 has served prime ministers since

1732 when the house was accepted from King George II by Sir Robert Walpole in his official capacity as first of the treasury. The house is one of three in Downing Street directly behind the government offices of Whitehall. It used to be lived with private houses built by Sir George Downing, No. 10's first landlord.

Unlike the American White House, where the public streams through on guided tours, no unfamiliar face can enter No. 10 without an official pass or a personal invitation checked by a bobbie at the door.

In the old days anyone could approach the front door and knock, but terrorist threats from the Irish Republic Army stopped that. The famous black door opens and shuts an average of 1,000 times a day for visiting world leaders, cabinet ministers and aides, VIPs and of course, for Wilberforce. The cat moved in when Wilson was prime minister, and has stayed on with the conservative Mrs. Thatcher.

"Wilberforce has sort of the run of No. 10. He can go wherever he wants," a spokesman said. "If he wants to come in he nudges a policeman or jumps up on one of the ledges to make himself known." Tens of thousands of Britons and tourists go down Downing Street nearly every day to see No. 10 and perhaps get a peek at the prime minister.

The coziness of the three-story office-cum-home indulges Mrs. Thatcher's zest for work. Past the impressive entrance hall is the cabinet room, decorated in shades of brown and with an arched table so that the prime minister, sitting in the center, can see every member.

The rest of the time Mrs. Thatcher stays in her first-floor study — an inner sanctum for confidential chats. Overlooking St. James Park, Thatcher's advisers can be at her side in an instant.

State receptions are usually held in the pillared room, decorated with William Kent furniture.

There is no resident housekeeper for the prime minister's domestic needs, but there are two maids who are "really friends," Mrs. Thatcher told a group of school children recently. "They'll do anything for me and I'd do anything for them."

She does a bit of clearing up on the week end, when she likes nothing more than "popping up to the little flat at the top of No. 10 and doing a poached egg on toast."

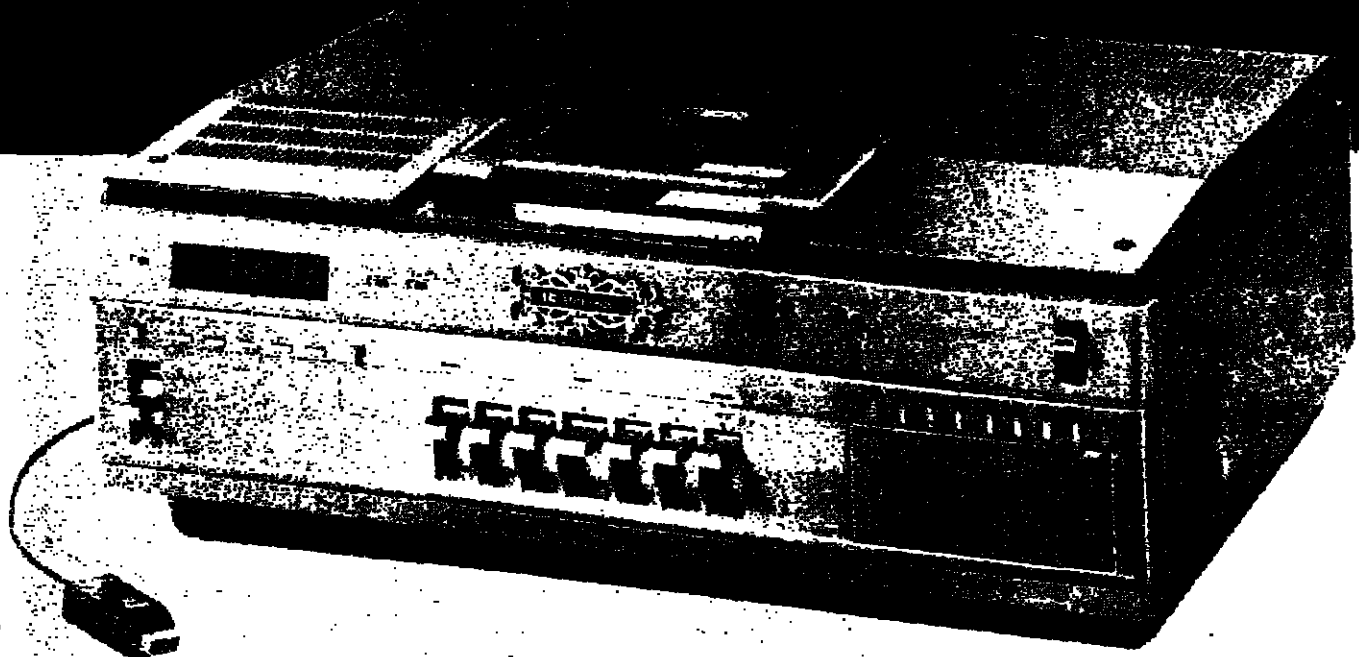
Mrs. Thatcher is more than accustomed to "living above the shop." As a girl, her family's apartment was over their grocery store in Grantham.

Mrs. Thatcher usually does not get to sleep until 2.30 a.m. and No. 10 is staffed 24 hours with a night duty clerk and a handful of garden girls on the alert.



OFFICE IS HOME: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her husband wave to the press in front of No. 10 Downing Street, which serves both as Mrs. Thatcher's office and the couple's home.

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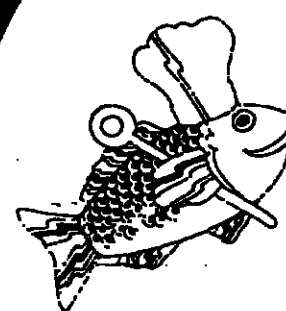
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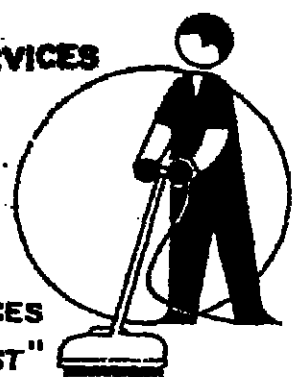
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Republicans fear hostage resolution

U.S. race still up for grabs

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Although polls show the U.S. presidential race still up for grabs, Republican Ronald Reagan is nearing the finish line with the air of a winner and President Jimmy Carter like a man facing long odds.

But with many voters undecided and the fate of the U.S. hostages in Iran still a wild card in Tuesday's election, some analysts believe the contest might not be decided until the final hours.

Meanwhile, it was expected that Republicans would make modest gains in elections for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives Tuesday, but fall short of their dream of ending the Democrats' 25-year control of Congress.

In the presidential race, polls conflict as to who is leading in the popular vote. Yet they agree Reagan has a solid edge in the race for the decisive 538 electoral votes distributed among states according to population and earned in separate winner-take-all contests.

With a solid base in the west, a smattering of support in the northeast, good prospects in the key northern industrial belt and hopes for inroads in Carter's native south, Reagan aides say they might win up to 320 electoral votes — 50 more than the majority needed.

A Washington Post survey published Sunday showed the former California governor leading in 22 states with 207 electoral votes. Carter was ahead in 15 states and the federal District of Columbia for a total of 163 electors. Thirteen states with 168 electoral votes were too close to call.

While Reagan and his strategists enter the final two days of the campaign relaxed and confident, the president's men are clearly worried that he might be the first Democrat this century denied a second term in the White House.

Carter aides said Reagan's strong showing in Tuesday's showdown television debate and the continued uncertainty over the hostages had slowed the momentum the president had been building in recent weeks.

"The question is whether that momentum resumes rapidly enough to take us over or if we don't get things moving with sufficient speed," said presidential press secretary Jody Powell.

So the 56-year-old president, his voice raw and his hands bruised from non-stop handshaking, has intensified his effort, particularly in the populous northern states shaping up as the crucial battleground.

"I need you," Carter tells crowds, and indeed the outcome could turn on how many of the 161 million eligible voters over 18 actually show up at the polls. Just over half the electorate voted in 1976 and predictions are that turnout will be lower this year.

Turnout is important to Carter because Democrats outnumber Republicans 2-1 here. Also, a greater percentage of Democrats and independents are undecided than are Republicans.

With seven pivotal states — Texas and Florida in the south and Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the north — considered tossups, the undecideds could be critical. The seven states have a total of 159 electoral votes and as one Carter worker said, "Either we get the vote out or lose."

While Reagan appears to be in good shape following the debate, voter preferences have been shown to be extremely volatile this year. One poll found that fully 30 per cent of those interviewed had changed their minds since September.

So as Carter continues to hit at his rival as a warlike right-wing menace, he now couples his attacks with a strong pitch to party loyalty, hoping to lure undecideds and disaffected supporters of independent John Anderson

back to the Democratic fold.

From a high of 25 per cent in late spring, Anderson is now below 10 per cent in the polls. But while the defection of his supporters was expected to help Carter in northeast and some west coast states, it could also boost Reagan in an important swing state like Illinois.

For his part, the 69-year-old Reagan has pressed his attack on Mr. Carter's sore spot: the economy. His aides are taking no pains to

conceal their optimism as they head into the final 48 hours of the longest presidential campaign in U.S. history.

"The only thing sitting out there is that hostage thing," said spokesman Lyn Nofziger.

Some observers say the political mix is so volatile as the race goes down to the wire that the deciding block of voters may not make up its mind until the final hours.



CAMPAIGN WATCHER: A Chinese looks at photographs of the U.S. presidential election posted outside the U.S. consulate in Shanghai.

Chirac suggests dolphins

Hole taxes Paris planners

PARIS, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Paris planners have been unable to solve a seven-year-old headache — how to fill what is believed to be the biggest city center hole in the world. It measures 15,000 square meters in area and in some places is 100 meters deep.

The hole resulted from the destruction of the centuries-old Les Halles market, known as the "stomach of Paris," which was transferred to Rungis outside the capital in 1973.

The move, ordered by President Charles De Gaulle, took six years to complete. The project at that time was to turn this area, in the heart of Paris, into a magnificent international trade area.

But one scheme after another collapsed, some for financial reasons and others because of disputes over designs. Today, as 1980 comes to a close, Paris planners must finally decide what to do with this huge and ungainly hole.

The earth which once filled it has been removed to other construction sites, and to

replace this earth would cost a fortune.

An attempt to turn it into a Paris "Hollywood" in 1975 failed dismally after film director Marco Ferreri shot his version of the private life of "last stand" U.S. Gen. George A. Custer in the old Les Halles area. But the film, like the idea, has vanished without trace.

The mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, decided to take the matter in hand and announced that he would personally be both the architect and construction boss of a new project to fill the hole. The project was copied from the United States — the San Diego Seaworld. It aimed to fill the hole with the world's biggest underground aquarium, including an 800-seat exhibition hall where spectators could watch displays by trained dolphins.

City officials were convinced that this attraction would be a sell-out for both Parisians and foreign tourists. But ecologists attacked the whole scheme as "costly, pitiful and stupid." So the hole remains.

Marcos foe said source of bomb plot

MANILA, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino was the "real mastermind" behind a wave of bombings in Manila, government reports said here Sunday, quoting the alleged confession of prime suspect Victor Burnes Lovely.

Lovely, 35, a Philippine-born American, was arrested on Sept. 6 after a bomb he was allegedly rigging accidentally went off in his dormitory room. Government reports alleged Lovely said in a signed statement that the former senator, who is in the United States on a medical furlough from prison, signed by Marcos personally gave him instructions and financed his travel to the Philippines to carry out his bombing mission.

Lovely, now a state witness, arrived here on Aug. 20, two days before the first bombing wave hit Manila.

Lovely, still recovering from serious injuries sustained during the bomb explosion in his room, said in his statement that he spoke to Aquino by telephone just before he left San Francisco for Manila.

Lovely said that after Aquino's arrival in the U.S. last May, "the anti-government groups there accelerated their timetable for the overthrow of the Marcos government because they were unsure how the election outcome would affect their plans."

According to Lovely's statement released by the government, former Congressman Raul Daza, former naval officer Bonifacio Gillego, former Senator Raul Manglapus and lawyer Renato Tando, were involved in the urban guerrilla training prior to the launching of the de-stabilization plan.

Lovely was taken into custody barely two weeks after the first bombing wave rocked Manila but explosions continued after his arrest.

Recently, the government announced the arrest of Doris Baffrey, a Filipino woman married to an American, accused of planting a bomb that disrupted the opening session of the American Society of Travel Agents meeting on Oct. 19. Mrs. Baffrey worked for the Ministry of Tourism based in New York.

'Gang of Four' trial delayed to middle of month

PEKING, Nov. 2 (AFP) — The trial of the "Gang of Four" and other top surviving leaders of the Cultural Revolution, including Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing, is expected to open in mid-November after a new delay.

Diplomats here indicated Sunday that Chinese sources disclosed that the ten defendants still had not been served with their indictments by the end of last week. The procedure for the trial calls for it to begin at least one week after the accused have received notice of the specific charges against them.

There has been no indication yet as to the cause of the apparent delay in starting the trial, the first of its sort since the Communists seized power in 1949.

The defendants are the Gang of Four — Jiang Qing, Wang Hongwen, Zhang Chunqiao and Yao Wenyuan — plus Mao's political secretary Chen Boda and five generals who were associated with the late Defense Minister Lin Biao. All are accused of plotting to seize power.

Lin Biao, heir apparent to Mao before falling from favor, died under mysterious circumstances in 1971.

A special jurisdiction has been set up under the supreme court's authority to try the ten. It consists of a civilian court for the "Gang of Four" and Chen Boda, and a military court to decide the fate of the five generals.

A vice-president of the People's National Congress, Peng Zhen, who is said to have been in charge of arrangements for the trial, had announced recently that it would start by the end of October or the beginning of this month. The trial was already apparently postponed once last September.

The main explanation proposed at that time by observers was that Jiang Qing had refused to acknowledge the charges against her. She was arrested four years ago shortly after her husband's death.

Burma enters TV age

RANGOON, Nov. 2 (AFP) — Burma, which shuns most aspects of Western-style development, began regular television programming this weekend.

The gala premiere on Saturday featured graceful renditions of traditional music and dance, the climax of five months of testing. Select foreign films and documentaries are also to be shown after careful censoring to avoid any possible erosion of values in this inward-looking country of 33 million people. Burmese delegations reportedly have been shopping in several places for suitable fare, including Japan and Eastern Europe. An information ministry delegation is due to leave next week for the United States.

In the start-up phase, air time is two hours nightly with additional shows on the weekend. The technology came from Japan, which is also assembling television sets here.

White farms may be taken, Mugabe says

MT. DARWIN, Zimbabwe Nov. 2 (AP) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe says his six month-old black government may have to seize white-owned farms without compensation. Mugabe, speaking at a rally Saturday, said his government needs good farm land desperately for the resettlement of blacks displaced by the recently ended seven year guerrilla war that brought him to power.

But he added Britain, former colonial ruler of Zimbabwe, has reneged on pre-independence pledges of money to help Mugabe's government buy land owned by whites. Mugabe said Britain has told him it does not have the money to pay for confiscated land. The prime minister said, "and we also say we do not have the money...and do not feel inclined to pay for land plundered from the indigenous people by the colonists."

Mugabe previously had vowed not to take white land without compensation. Mugabe spokesman Godfrey Chanetsa said on Sunday: "No government decision has been taken to change our policy on land compensation, but we are appealing for aid to help buy the land we desperately need."

Mugabe's government has repeatedly said it recognizes the contribution made by the country's 5,500 white farmers, who produce most of the nation's food and earn more than half of its foreign currency. These white farmers own more than one-half of Zimbabwe's arable land.



President Marcos

Rats! No power

PEKING, Nov. 2 (R) — A rat cost a Shanghai petrochemical complex nearly \$12 million in lost production earlier this year, the People's Daily reported. The rat short-circuited a main switch on a trunk power line at the plant and paralysed the entire complex, the paper said.

Rats had also brought Peking's entire underground railway system to a halt three times in recent years, in one case cutting off the power supply for 40 minutes and leaving passengers waiting in the dark, it said.

Outlining the importance of exterminating vermin, the paper also printed a letter calling for more cats to keep them at bay.



WINCHED: Prince Charles, dressed in battle fatigues, is winched across a lake at a British Army training ground at Thetford. Charles was at the camp to welcome 300 Nepalese recruits to the King's Own Gurkhas.

Shah's backers drawn home by war

ANKARA, Nov. 2 (R) — Wealthy, fur-coated Iranian ladies carrying cases of medicine for war victims and army officers who fled after the fall of the Shah are among the throngs of Iranians returning to Iran by road through Turkey, European travelers said.

The Iranians going back from exile to help in their country's war with Iraq and the thousands, mainly foreigners, getting out, have turned the dusty Iran-Turkey border crossing at Gurbulak into a bustling transit center, the travelers said.

There are also wealthy Iranians among the crowds of people coming out of Iran every day and grabbing any means of transport from the border to the nearest Turkish airport at Erzurum, 380 kilometers west, they said.

A traveler just back from Gurbulak said hundreds of long distance trucks are lining up at the border, most of them headed for Iran but delayed either by the sheer workload of the customs authorities or the reluctance of drivers to enter the war zone.

"It's rather the wild west like during the gold rush," one traveler said. "But there are people going in both directions, all of them in a hurry."

Wealthy Iranians, including women in expensive fur coats and leather boots, tramp through dirt or mud at the border gate having flown from Western Europe to Istanbul, Ankara, or Erzurum and hired taxis or buses thereafter. Flights between Erzurum and Ankara have been fully booked both ways

since a few days after the Iran-Iraq conflict broke out in September.

Western journalists trying to get to Iran have been paying passengers booked to Erzurum three times the going rate for their tickets and hundreds of dollars for taxis the rest of the way to the border.

Many of the Iranians going back to Iran are carrying suitcases full of medicines and serums to tend war victims causing headaches for Turkish customs officials, the travelers said.

One Iranian said he was an army colonel under the Shah and fled Iran a few days after the monarch was forced out in January 1979. "I'm going back to fight. I know my people will accept me," the former colonel was quoted as saying.

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IRRIGATION: Farmers in northern India scoop water into an irrigation ditch using a rope and bucket system that dates back thousands of years. The work occupies much of their day during the dry season.